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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a proposal to investigate Mineral King for some problems that I have not seen in the press or on radio or TV. We must not have another Lake Tahoe or Clear Lake.

Topic: SEWAGE AND WATER POLLUTION PROBLEMS IN THE MINERAL KING AREA

I have not read of any sewage disposal solutions in the press that Disney Enterprises will encounter. I believe the problem needs to be brought into the open and checked. Geologists of colleges, universities, California Division of Mines, and other interested and qualified people should be invited to study it.

Geologic maps with cross-sections should be compiled in detail of the area and studied and interpreted. I believe that Disney has hired engineers and geologists to solve the problem, and I believe they really have a problem. No wonder this subject has no mention in the press, some of whom are obviously pro-Disney.

THIS PROJECT MUST BE HALTED NOW, AND NOT A SHOVEL OR NAIL DRIVEN UNTIL THERE IS AN INVESTIGATION AND MEETING HELD AND ADVERTISED BY NEWS MEDIA SO THAT INTERESTED CITIZENS AND NEWSMEN CAN ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

The method that appears best at first, but is exposed to the natural disasters, would be to pipe and tunnel waste water out into the San Joaquin Valley, but this would be extremely costly and maybe more than Disney Enterprises would want to stand. The people of the Valley may have something to say about this.

The only other method would be to install some type of sewage treatment plant. Yes, I can hear the praise of this system now by Disney Engineers. I say Hogwash! These systems have failed before. Pipes can break in this region by creep, shear, tension, weathering, slumping, avalanching, freezing, and other ways. Even if it was working as designed just before the "sure to come accident", who would like to camp below, fish, swim-in, or drink or use the water of the East Fork Kaweah River? I certainly would not, and would not advocate its use to anyone to even wash feet in, or for animals to drink.

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Where will this water percolate to: there are several places. First, everyone should know that this is a glaciated region. Glacial moraine material overlies polished granitics and some metamorphic rocks. The granitic rocks are jointed and may take some disposal water but only to emerge as springs somewhere below.

The most likely place to dispose of (percolate) "treated" sewage would be into ground or end moraine material. Yes, it would go down and disappear quickly, but when it finds bottom on the glaciated surface, it will follow down to the terminal moraine and issue as springs. EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW THIS!

I hereby advocate that all work by Disney Enterprises HALT immediately. State Geologists, Hydrologists, and other interested persons should be invited to a special meeting (Fresno?) to discuss and plan mapping, show photos, lecture, debate, etc., until there is a SURE AND AGREED UPON METHOD TO DISPOSE OF ALL WASTE WATERS WITH A GUARANTEE OF NO POSSIBLE WATER POLLUTION BELOW.

If a public meeting is held and people are invited to speak or donate their services, with or without pay, I predict that many will attend and donate services. I am sure that the conclusion would be nearly certain sewage problems at Mineral King.

Let us not turn our eyes or ears from the pollution problems that presently exist at Lake Tahoe, caused by masses of people and ignorance. Clear Lake does not look too clear anymore. Mineral King will join them if we allow Disney's project to continue to completion.

Sincerely,

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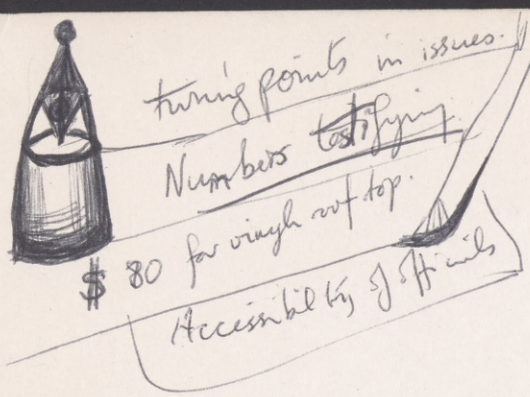
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